



Qur'an Lesson-12a: Covenant of Blood

(Al-Baqarah: 84)

Lesson Outcomes

- Covenant of Bani Israel with Allah.
- Condition 1: Do not kill and spread mischief.
- Condition 2: Do not drive people from their homes.

Recitation and Explanation

وَأَذًا	أَخَذْنَا	مِيثَاقَكُمْ	لَا تَسْفِكُونَ	دِمَاءَكُمْ	وَلَا تُخْرِجُونَ
And when	We took	your covenant,	"You will not shed	your blood	and (you will) not evict
أَنْفُسَكُمْ	مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ	ثُمَّ	أَقْرَرْتُمْ	وَأَنْتُمْ	تَشْهَدُونَ
yourselves	from your homes,"	then	you ratified	while you	(were) witnessing.

- The Jews at the time of Prophet ﷺ were at war with each other. They fought, killed, and drove people from their homes and loot their properties. Allah revealed this verse as a reminder that they agreed in Torah, not to kill & evict people from their homes.
 - 1 Allah listed out two necessary conditions in the covenant with Bani Israel.
 - 2 Condition 1: You will not fight each other or kill each other. In the greed and blind hatred, people will kill and destroy their own.
 - 3 Condition 2: Don't evict yourselves, i.e., some of you should not evict others.
 - 4 The above two conditions are necessary Human Rights - the right to live and to have property. Allah says: We took the covenant. & You agreed to it. You were witnesses to it, i.e., it was not taken in your absence.
- when you study history, you will find that whenever corrupt people came in power they used killing and 'making people homeless' as tools of war, like Pharaoh, who oppressed Bani Israel and killed them and evicted them from their land. This kind of incidents results in thousands of families being homeless. They end up with broken families, no shelter, and no food.

Hadith: The Prophet ﷺ said: “A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim. So, he should neither oppress him nor hand him over to an oppressor. And whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs.” (Bukhari: 6951)

- This Hadith teaches us to take care of other Muslim brothers and help him by fulfilling his needs. And as a result, we will get Allah's help in our lives, and Allah will fulfill our needs.

Imagine & Feel: Imagine the condition of those families who's some members are killed and who are driven from their homes and their properties looted. Feel their pain and suffering.

Think & Ponder:

- Allah has given particular importance to human rights. Killing innocent people and driving the people out of their homes is a serious crime.
- It is our duty to help the homeless people. They had great life once and now they are poor and without shelter. Imagine a child who had his own study desk, his own gadgets and now he has nothing. We need to help them as much as we can.

Du'a: O Allah! Protect us from breaking the covenants that we have with You, i.e., obeying You in all aspects of our life.

Evaluate: How do we feel when we see someone struggling in his life, facing different problems? Do we try to help him, or do we neglect and avoid him?

Plan: I will have the utmost regard for human lives and their property.

Nouns and Verbs: Below are some of the nouns and the verbs from the Ayaat of this lesson.

Verbs: Practice the six keys of verbs mentioned below with TPI								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماضٍ	Root	Code
To shed	سَفَكَ	مَسْفُوكٌ	سَافِكٌ	اِسْفِكْ	يَسْفِكُ	سَفَكَ	س ف ك	ضد
To witness	شَهَادَةٌ	مَشْهُودٌ بِهِ	شَاهِدٌ	اِشْهَدْ	يَشْهَدُ	شَهِدَ	ش ه د	س
To take	أَخَذَ	مَأْخُودٌ	اِخْتَذَ	خُذْ	يَأْخُذُ	أَخَذَ	أ خ ذ	ز
To evict	إِخْرَاجٌ	مُخْرَجٌ	مُخْرِجٌ	أَخْرِجْ	يُخْرِجُ	أَخْرَجَ	خ ر ج	أسد+
To ratify	إِقْرَارٌ	مُقَرَّرٌ	مُقَرِّرٌ	أَقْرِزْ	يُقَرِّزُ	أَقْرَزَ	ق ر ر	أسد+

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
covenant	مَوَاطِنٌ	مِثْقَالٌ
blood	دِمَاءٌ	دَمٌ
self	أَنْفُسٌ	نَفْسٌ
home	دِيَارٌ	دَارٌ

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What are the two conditions of the covenant?
2. What are the Human Rights listed out in this lesson?
3. Why did Allah remind the Bani Israel about the covenant?

Class Project:

Make a list of NGO's and social workers who are working towards helping the homeless and feed the needy. Contact them and volunteer for helping them in their noble task.